

## **Critical Components of a Comprehensive Early Childhood System**

### **A medical home for each child**

Access to medical homes providing comprehensive physical and child development services for all children in early childhood including special health care needs and assessment, intervention, and referral of children with developmental, behavioral and psychosocial problems

### **Early childhood mental health**

Availability of services to address the needs of children at-risk for the development of mental health problems and service delivery pathways to facilitate entrance of at-risk children into appropriate child development and mental health delivery systems

### **Early care and education**

Early care and education services for children from birth through five years of age that support children's early learning, health, and development of social competence

### **Parent education**

Parent education services that provide support to parents in their role as prime educators of their children

### **Family support**

Family support services that address the stressors impairing the ability of families to nurture and support the healthy development of their children